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A former director of the Central Intelligence Agency will testify next week during a public hearing on a resolution calling for a freeze on nuclear weapons, two senators announced Tuesday.

William Colby will appear during an April 5 public hearing on LR49, said its sponsors Sens. Don Wesely of Lincoln and Neligh Sen. John DeCamp. The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Capitol.

Wesely said Leo Sartori, former advisor to the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, also was expected to testify in support of the nuclear freeze resolution.

Wesely called Sartori "one of many defense experts who have come out publicly in support of a mutual and verifiable freeze."

"This should be a very educational hearing," DeCamp said, urging people to attend. He said he had opposed the resolution before studying it carefully.

Both senators said they considered the nuclear freeze important because the Strategic Air Command base in Bellevue and missile sites in western Nebraska make the state a prime target in case of nuclear attack.

"It's important to remember that we're not advocating a unilateral freeze, nor are we asking anyone to trust the Soviets," Wesely said.